

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method for generating a *Drosophila* clipped *FRT* (cFRT) chromosome insensitive to a *P* transposase but remaining ~~functional~~ sensitive to a yeast site-specific flippase recombinase (FLP), comprising steps of:

(a) causing a local and imprecise transposition by exposing a *FRT* chromosome to said *P* transposase ~~for occurring a local and imprecise transposition~~, wherein said *FRT* chromosome contains a *P*[*FRT*] insertion with a selection marker gene;

(b) screening said *P*[*FRT*] insertion ~~insensitive to said *P* transposase~~ for an immobility of said selection marker gene to obtain screened products;

(c) selecting candidate products from said screened products by ~~further examinations~~ the steps of:

(c1) examining said screened products for both recombination capability and homozygous viability; and

(c2) examining recombination accessibility of *FRT* sequences contained in a clipped *P*[*FRT*] insertion by the presence of said FLP to obtain said candidate products; and

(d) exposing said candidate products ~~[[by]]~~ to said *P* transposase and selecting a desired product by said ~~further examinations~~ examining processes of steps (c1) and (c2) to obtain said *Drosophila* clipped *FRT* (cFRT) chromosome ~~[[is]]~~ insensitive to said *P* transposase but remaining ~~functional~~ sensitive to yeast site-specific flippase recombinase.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said method further comprises ~~[[a]]~~ step (e) ~~[[of]]~~ examining the ~~actual~~ molecular nature of ~~[[said]]~~ a clipped insertion of said *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome by PCR (polymerase chain reaction).

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The method according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein said recombination capability of step (c1) represents the functional activity of said clipped *P[FRT]* insertion and its homologous location relative to that of said original *P[FRT]* insertion.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The method according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein said homozygous viability of step (c1) represents a genetic background after said *FRT* chromosome's exposure to said *P* transposase.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said step (d) ~~[[of]]~~ exposing said candidate products ~~by said *P* transposase~~ and selecting said desired product ~~by said further examinations~~ is repeated at least twice.

Claim 7 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein said *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome is an isogenized homozygous viable *Drosophila* second chromosome.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said cFRT is ~~formed due to a target sequence, recognized by said *P* transposase and responsible for a *P* transposase transposition, which is damaged and alternated into a type of~~ generated through damage and alteration of a target sequence to an incomplete target sequence, through one sequence of ~~[[a]]~~ the group consisting of:

- (1) a sequence that is missing of a P5' DNA sequence region;
- (2) a sequence that is missing of a P3' DNA sequence region; and
- (3) a sequence that is missing of DNA sequences other than those defined in item (1) and in item (2); and

wherein the target sequence is originally recognized by said *P* transposase and responsible for a *P* transposase transposition.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome ~~remains~~ retains the ~~functional~~ activity of said ~~cFRT insertion~~ for a site-specific recombination in the presence of said FLP.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~an effectiveness~~ sensitivity to a yeast site-specific flippase recombinase (FLP) of said *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome is monitored by a FLP-FRT system ~~and derived modification systems thereof.~~

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~an effectiveness~~ sensitivity to a yeast site-specific flippase recombinase (FLP) of said cFRT chromosome is monitored through monitoring a DNA configuration of said cFRT chromosome by molecular biology methods ~~for the description of said cFRT DNA sequences configuration.~~

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome ~~remains~~ retains the functions of ~~to behave normally as a wild type chromosome feasible for various~~ genetic manipulations.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein a clipped *P[FRT]* insertion is alternatively moved to another chromosome from said *Drosophila* clipped *FRT* (cFRT) chromosome by treating said *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome with ~~one of~~ mutagens ~~[[and]]~~ or X-ray.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome is ~~alternatively~~ used to establish a *Drosophila* cell line based on a genetic background of said *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome is mutated to obtain gene mutations ~~for further experiment.~~

Claim 16 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 15, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ molecular information of said gene mutations is recovered by retrieving flanking DNA sequences of a clipped *P[FRT]* insertion ~~with a molecular biology method.~~

Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Original): The method according to claim 16, wherein said molecular information ~~of said gene mutations can be~~ is recovered by a ~~related~~ bioinformatic manipulation.

Claim 19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 15, wherein the functional description of said gene mutations are ~~further analyzed based on the information obtained from said molecular biology method and said related bioinformatic manipulation~~ by using a biological technique.

Claim 21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (Currently amended): A method for generating a *Drosophila* clipped *FRT*^{2L2R} (cFRT^{2L2R}) chromosome insensitive to a *P* transposase but remaining ~~functional~~ sensitive to a yeast site-specific flippase recombinase (FLP), comprising steps of:

(a) causing a local and imprecise transposition by exposing a double-*FRT* chromosome to said *P* transposase ~~for occurring a local and imprecise transposition~~, wherein said double-*FRT* chromosome contains a first *P[FRT]* insertion with a first selection marker gene on one arm thereof and a second *P[FRT]* insertion with a second selection marker gene on the other arm thereof;

(b) screening respectively said first *P[FRT]* insertion and said second *P[FRT]* insertion ~~insensitive to said *P* transposase~~ for an immobility of said selection marker genes to obtain screened products;

(c) selecting candidate products from said screened products by ~~further examinations~~ the steps of:

(c1) examining said screened products for both recombination capability and homozygous viability; and

(c2) examining recombination accessibility of FRT sequences contained in said *P[FRT]* insertion by the presence of said FLP to obtain said candidate products; and

(d) exposing said candidate products by said *P* transposase and selecting a desired product by said ~~further examinations~~ examining processes of steps (c1) and (c2) to obtain said *Drosophila* clipped *FRT*^{2L2R} (*cFRT*^{2L2R}) chromosome insensitive to said *P* transposase but remaining ~~functional~~ sensitive to yeast site-specific flippase recombinase.

Claim 23 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 22, wherein said method further comprises ~~[[a]] step (e) [[of]] examining the actual molecular nature of [[said]]~~ clipped insertions of said *Drosophila cFRT* chromosome by PCR.

Claim 24 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 22, wherein said step (b) further comprises the steps of:

(b1) screening said first *P[FRT]* insertion ~~insensitive to said *P* transposase~~ subject to for an immobility of said first selection marker gene; and

(b2) screening said second *P[FRT]* insertion ~~insensitive to said *P* transposase~~ from said screened products of step (b1) ~~subject to~~ for an immobility of said second selection marker gene.

Claim 25 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 22, wherein said step (b) further comprises the steps of:

(b1') screening said second *P[FRT]* insertion ~~insensitive to said *P* transposase~~ subject to for an immobility of said second selection marker gene; and

(b2') screening said first *P[FRT]* insertion ~~insensitive to said *P* transposase~~ from screened products of step (b1') ~~subject to~~ for an immobility of said first selection marker gene.

Claim 26 (Canceled)

Claim 27 (Original): The method according to claim 22, wherein said first selection marker is different from said second selection marker.

Claim 28 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 22, wherein said *Drosophila* clipped FRT^{2L2R} chromosome is ~~alternatively~~ generated from two *Drosophila* clipped FRT (cFRT) chromosomes ($cFRT^{2L}$ and $cFRT^{2R}$ chromosomes) by a genetic recombination method.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): A *Drosophila* clipped FRT (cFRT) chromosome, wherein said chromosome is insensitive to a *P* transposase but remains functional to a yeast site-specific flippase recombinase (FLP), comprising:

- a *Drosophila* second chromosome main body; and
- a clipped *P[FRT]* (cFRT) insertion immobilized by said *P* transposase.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn): The *Drosophila* cFRT chromosome according to claim 29, wherein said cFRT is formed due to a target sequence, recognized by said *P* transposase and responsible for a *P* transposase transposition, which is damaged and alternated into a type of incomplete target sequence, through one of a group consisting of:

- (1) missing of a P5' DNA sequence region;
- (2) missing of a P3' DNA sequence region; and
- (3) missing of DNA sequences other than those defined in item (1) and in item (2).

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): A *Drosophila* clipped FRT^{2L2R} ($cFRT^{2L2R}$) chromosome, wherein said chromosome is insensitive to a *P* transposase but remains functional to a yeast site-specific flippase recombinase (FLP), comprising:

- a *Drosophila* second chromosome main body; and

a clipped *P[FRT]* (cFRT) insertion on a right arm (cFRT^{2R}) of said *Drosophila* second chromosome and a clipped *P[FRT]* (cFRT) insertion on a left arm (cFRT^{2L}) of said *Drosophila* second chromosome, wherein both said cFRT^{2R} and said cFRT^{2L} are immobilized by said *P* transposase.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): The *Drosophila* cFRT^{2L2R} chromosome according to claim 31, wherein said *P[FRT]* insertions on a left arm is inserted into the 3' end of the base T at 240696 bp of the AE003781 clone with the P3' end facing the centromere before being clipped, and said *P[FRT]* insertion a right arm is inserted into the 3' end of the base T at 11497 bp of the AE003789 clone with the P5' end pointing toward the telomere before being clipped.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn): The *Drosophila* cFRT^{2L2R} chromosome according to claim 31, wherein said cFRT^{2L} is an imprecise excision caused by a removal of P5' region and most part of a selection marker gene thereon, wherein a fragment from bases 26 to around 2070 of FBtp0000348 locus is deleted.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn): The *Drosophila* cFRT^{2L2R} chromosome according to claim 31, wherein said cFRT^{2R} is an imprecise excision caused by a removal of most of the P5' region and one of the FRT DNA repeats, wherein a fragment from bases 10 to 2821 of FBtp0000268 locus is deleted.